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ACTIVITIES OF NPD

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1. DPA BERLIN SERVICE CARRIES ITEM AUGUST 11 CONCERNING
ALLEGED "SECRET AGREEMENT" REACHED DURING QA NEGOTIATIONS
TO BAN PUBLIC ACTIVITIES OF NPD. DPA CITES CATUDAL
BOOK " THE DIPLOMACY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN"
AND CLAIMS THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS KEPT SECRET BECAUSE
THE THEN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
TO THE FRG, KENNETH RUSH, FELT THAT HE COULD EXPECT
POLITICAL DIFFERENCES WITH THE SHAKY SPD-FDP COALITION IN BONN
IF THE AGREEMENT CAME TO LIGHT. DPA FURTHER NOTES THAT NPD
PUBLIC ACTIVITIES HAVE IN FACT BEEN PROHIBITED BY A NUMBER
OF AK ORDERS, AND THAT IN 1974 ALLIES PROHIBITED NDP
PARTICIPATION IN THE 1975 ELECTIONS. DPA CORRECTLY NOTES THAT MOST
RECENTLY THE ALLIES PROHIBITED THE PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF
PARTY DOCUMENTS, EMBLEMS, AND OTHER PROPAGANDA MATERIAL.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE DPA HAS NOT THUS FAR CHOSEN TO
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DISSEMINATE THIS BERLIN SERVICE NEWS ITEM OUTSIDE OF BERLIN.

DPA OR ACEL SPRINGER INLANDDIENST

MAY YET DECIDE TO DO SO. MISSION HAS THUS FAR

RECEIVED ONE QUERY ON SUBJECT FROM DIE WELT (KEMNA).

KEMNA LIKE WE, LIKE WE, WAS CURIOUS WHY DPA SUDDENLY FOUND NEWS
VALUE IN AN EXTRACT FROM A BOOK PUBLISHED 19 MONTHS AGO.

3. MISSION, EUR-CE, AND EMBASSY HAVE IN THE PAST ALL DONE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON WHETHER IN FACT THE ALLIES SPECIFICALLY AGREE WITH THE SOVIETS TO BAN NPD PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AS AN ALLIED CONCESSION TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE QA. BECAUSE THE RESULTS OF THIS RESEARCH WERE UNCLEAR, MINISTER GEORGE WROTE AMBASSADOR RUSH/ ON NOVEMBER 1, 1977 ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY WITH RESPECT TO AN NPD PROHIBITION.

BEGIN QUOTE: ALTHOUGH MR. CATUDAL DID A DILIGENT JOB OF RESEARCH, HE HAS PERMITTED HIMSELF TO OVERINDULGE IN BELIEVING HE HAS UNCOVERED SECRET AGREEMENTS. IN FACT, AS I INFORMED HIM. THERE ARE NONE. IT IS TRUE THAT AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV COMPLAINED FREQUENTLY ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NPD AND THIS WAS A FACTOR IN OUR DECIDING TO RESTRICT SUCH ACTIVITIES. BUT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT, ORAL OR WRITTEN, AND, OF COURSE, ANY ORAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE INVALID ANYWAY. BUT THERE WAS NONE. HOWEVER, MR. CATUDAL HAS STRENGTHENED ANY SOVIET CLAIMS IN THIS REGARD.

UNQUOTE.

4. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT CARTER SAID AT THE BERLIN TOWN MEETING ON JULY 15 THAT THERE WERE "NO SECRET AGREEMENTS" ON BERLIN. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT IF OUR CHAIRMAN PRESS SPOKESMAN RECEIVES INQUIREIES, HE SHOULD REPLY AS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOLLOWS: AS PRESIDENT CARTER SAID ON JULY 15, THERE ARE NO RPT NO SECRET AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE WESTERN ALLIES AND THE SOVIETS ON BERLIN. WE DO NOT OF COURSE COMMENT ON THE CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE THREE WESTERN AMBASSADORS AND THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR LEADING UP TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. IT IS TRUE THAT, ACTING ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY IN WEST BERLIN, THE ALLIES HAVE OVER THE YEARS PROHIBITED CERTAIN PUBLIC ACTIVITIES OF THE NPD AS A THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER.

5. WE DOUBT WE WILL NEED TO USE THIS GUIDANCE, BUT WE WOULD LIKE ITS APPROVAL FOR CONTINGENCY USE.
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